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Enjoy Corps parks during Memorial Day weekend

WALLA WALLA, Wash. -- The upcoming Memorial Day holiday weekend is a great time to visit parks and recreation facilities operated by the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Take advantage of picnicking, camping, fishing, boating and swimming, and enjoy the scenic rivers and lakes.

Remember safety whenever playing in, on or near the water. Swim with a buddy, and don't dive where you don't know what's under the surface. Always wear an U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. Don't consume intoxicants and operate recreational vessels. For more tips on how to be water-safe, including cold water survival, boating and swimming tips, visit the Corps' water safety Web site at <http://watersafety.usace.army.mil/>. Visit Bobber the Water Safety Dog for a fun cartoon on life jacket safety at <http://bobber.info/>.

Because the Corps facilities attract many visitors, a few rules apply to make the outdoors experience a safe and happy one. Some localities have restrictions on open fires, so check with park rangers. Leave firearms and other weapons at home. Alcohol is not permitted on Corps properties. Corps natural resource staffers and local law enforcement officials will patrol throughout the holiday weekend to assist visitors.

Those visiting north Idaho can enjoy several Corps facilities open for the season at Dworshak Reservoir. Full hook-up camp sites are available at Dent Campground for \$16 per night. All reservable sites at Dworshak are already booked for Memorial Day weekend. Reservations for other times can be made at (877) 444-6777. With the reservoir filling 1-2 feet per day, mini-camps along the shoreline are usable on a first-come, first-served basis; as are campgrounds at Grandad, Dam View and Canyon Creek. There is no charge for using these primitive camps. For more information, visit the Corps' recreation Web site at: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/> or <http://www.reserveusa.com> for campground reservation information.

All Dworshak boat ramps are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For updated water level and boat ramp information, call (800) 321-3198 or (208) 476-1255. When boating on the reservoir, please use caution because lake levels can change quickly. For more information regarding facilities access and current conditions, tune in to travelers' information on 1610AM radio, check out the Dworshak recreation website at www.nww.usace.army.mil/corpsoutdoors/dwa, or call the Visitor Center at (208) 476-1255.

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